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**CRICKET COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 26th MARCH 2013 AT BOOTLE CC**

**Agenda**

1. **Apologies & Roll Call**
2. **Minutes of 26th February 2013**
3. **Matters Arising**
4. **Chairman’s opening remarks**
5. **Matters relating to Fixtures**
6. **Matters relating to Reporting of League/Cup Results and Play-Cricket**
7. **Matters relating to Registration of Players**
8. **Matters relating to 3rd X1s**
9. **Matters relating to Club & Ground**
10. **Matters relating to MCUA**
11. **AOB**
12. **Next Meeting: Tuesday 30th April 2013**

 **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Eric Hadfield, John Williams, Alan Bristow, Derrick Ainscough and Jason Ratcliffe. Highfield CC left a message saying they were delayed

Present: Cr Co Chair: J J Rotheram; Secretary: D H Murphy; L&DCC Player Registration: N Girvin

L&DCC Fixture Secretary: R Durand; L&DCC Hon Secretary: R C Weston; Cup Competitions Secretary: Rob Roberts; MCUA: R Rigby

Club Representatives: Gerry Byrom (Formby CC); Ian Wainwright (Ainsdale CC); Mike Rimmer (Sutton CC); Peter Barrett (Wavertree CC);

ARS: David Crossley (Rainhill CC)

**Minutes of 26th February 2013.**

The minutes of the previous Cricket Committee meeting had been circulated and were accepted as a true and correct record.

**Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**Chairman’s opening remarks.**

RCW was invited by JJR to update us on the present situation surrounding the seeking of a new sponsor. There are two companies who expressed interest to date; one is run by Rob R, the other is a contact through the League Chairman. It is hoped to draw the subject to a conclusion on his return from New Zealand.

**Matters relating to Fixtures issues.**

5.1 RCW wrote a carefully worded letter to Huyton SC to notify them of their suspension from membership for 2013. The suspension was accepted.

Liverpool CC withdrew their 5th team from the Sunday competition, which along with the above suspension meant a re-draft of the Sunday West Division fixtures. RCW asked that a vote of thanks be recorded to EH for the work done in producing a new set of fixtures at short notice.

5.2 St Helens Town CC update: Two further meetings have taken place. Letters issued putting the Cr Co & Management Committee views to a solution have included LCB among its recipients. Some ground work has been done to Windleshaw Road to enable cricket to be played there – the outlook was described as ‘moderately positive’ for a successful return.

5.3 Rob R said that 27 clubs have entered the t20 Competition; they have been regionalised and seeded.

The u/16 Competition has only 4 entrants and the u/21 Competition has 9. Entries to both cups close on 30/4/13. The Committee did not see any reason not to allow the u/16 competition Finals Day to take place if there were only 4 interested parties.

A discussion ensued about whether it ought to be mandatory for Premier League teams to enter. This will be considered in time for the 2014 competitions.

RD has one Southport and Birkdale CC fixture to rearrange as it clashes with a County fixture on 31/8/13

**Matters relating to reporting of Results; League, Cup and Play-Cricket.**

6.1 RCW gave an update on the new website: he, with JAW, met the website designer recently and the intention is to change its appearance. It is hoped that this will be available before the start of the season. The new website name will be: LiverpoolDistrict.CC. The current website is owned by Malcolm Barber.

6.2 The intended ARS meeting tonight did not take place on account of EH’s unplanned absence.

6.3 The 2 TCS training events took place as planned and NG was pleased to report the success of them; only Newton le Willows CC didn’t turn up and they haven’t collected their allocated computer from the course. RCW expressed the respective committee’s gratitude to the course tutors, Neil Girvin and John Isterling, for their contribution to its success.

**Matters relating to Registration of Players.**

NG said he currently has 24 outstanding registrations, delayed because of paperwork awaited.

Spring View CC have already registered 20+ players

**Matters relating to 3rd X1’s.**

 The fixture clashes involving Goodlass CC and Merseyside Commonwealth CC have been resolved and Play Cricket amended. RCW commented that Goodlass CC were the first club to pay their

 Subscriptions for the ensuing season.

**Matters relating to Club and Ground.**

9.1 RCW said Rob R has reconsidered the position of Chairman of C&G and decided he will not be able to fulfil the post. The position is therefore still open and people were asked to encourage a volunteer to take the post.

9.2 The rebuilding of the Hightown CC clubhouse is now complete and it was opened officially last weekend.

9.3 Old Xaverians CC have brought the ground floor changing facilities back into use and expect them to be available from the start of the season.

 **Matters relating to MCUA.**

Ray R (on his return from New Zealand) reported that they anticipate having 6/7 new members.

 He was pleased to announce that Rob R &Neil Bickley have achieved their ECB ACO Level 2

 Qualification.

* 10.2 At the L&DCC pre season meeting he intends to mention:
* that the popping crease has been extended to 16 feet
* all ECB games under the auspices of ECB must be umpired by ACO officials
* the fee for expenses remains at £38 for league games
* half a dozen 3rd X1 Premier League teams have asked for MCUA officials to stand in games. MCUA are happy to provide them; the expenses will be £25
* emphasis will be made on the completion by the captains of the umpires card at 1st X1 games

 **Any Other Business.**

* RCW has had contact from club representatives asking if consideration might be given to putting the season back by a week to allow more preparation time to the squares following the abysmal weather conditions over the winter. The Cr Co were in full agreement that the request to delay the season onset until 20/4/13 was reasonable in the prevailing circumstances. RCW explained that the final decision lay with Management Committee, that he would e-mail those members with the proposal and if accepted, notify the clubs at the earliest opportunity. It was suggested that the fixtures of 13/4/13 be moved to the first May Bank Holiday.
* 11.1 The Handbooks are currently with the printers.
* 11.2 The current website has the 2013 documentation on it for player registration amongst others that may also be needed.
* 11.3 See 6.1.
* 11.4 AB had forwarded an e-mail report but I couldn’t locate its contents
* The recently released note to clubs about the use of Social Media relating to L&DCC appears to have had the required effect (the rogue site concerned has toned down its use).
* The Pre Season Meeting was discussed. 5,000 team sheets will be available for distribution; DHM volunteered to collect the Conference Handbooks from Neil Edwards by the weekend; NG is happy to run a mop up TCS course for any users who have initial system difficulties.
* Rob R commented that it was a sign of the times when the majority of the Agenda for the PSM had 19 items to do with administration and only 4 to do with the actual game of cricket!
* In response to a question about the proposed use of Oxbridge balls RCW said the matter had not been proceeded with.
* The next meeting is at Rainhill CC on 30/4/13, starting at 7pm